GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have set up any mechanism for checking the quality of houses constructed under `Indira Awaas Yojana`;

(b) if so, the number of houses found substandard during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against the officers responsible for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) & (b): As per Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) Guidelines, the construction of the house is to be done by the beneficiaries themselves from the very beginning. The beneficiaries may make their own arrangement for the construction and may engage skilled workmen on their own and may also contribute family labour. The beneficiaries have complete freedom as to the manner of construction of the houses .
In addition to regular monitoring of the programme by the Ministry, the programme has been evaluated by the Programme Evaluation Organization of the Planning Commission which carried out a Quick Study of the IAY in 1992-93. According to the evaluation done by the Planning Commission 86.4 % of the houses constructed under the Yojana were occupied and lived in. Again about 84% of the households expressed satisfaction/partial satisfaction with the IAY houses. The main reasons for their satisfaction with the IAY houses were `able to satisfy socio-cultural needs` `suits life-style`, `good construction` etc.

(c) As and when irregularities come to notice, the Ministry of Rural Development immediately takes up the matter with the concerned State Government for appropriate action.